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1. British view on Siamese border dispute--According to Harriman, the British feel strongly that the Siamese-French question on disputed territories should be submitted to the International Court rather than the Security Council. This opinion is in line with French ideas (see Daily Summary of 15 July, item 10).

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2. SPAIN:

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Oppressive measures of Franco regime--Embassy Madrid reports that, in spite of "inspired" publicity to create the impression of a "humane and enlightened" policy, the Spanish regime continued during June to arrest and methodically mistreat politically suspect Spaniards. The Security Council deliberations over the Spanish Government, according to the Embassy, have weakened the moderate opposition and strengthened both Franco and the Communists.

3. USSR: Soviet attitude toward Baruch plan--The US Military Attache in Moscow believes that the continuing Soviet attacks on the Baruch atomic energy plan demonstrate the Soviets' unwillingness to accept the plan without amendments designed to minimize US ability to employ atomic weapons and to bar inspection of Soviet facilities by an international body.
4. POLAND: Explanation of conciliatory tactics toward US--US Ambassador Lane in Warsaw has been told by a non-Communist member of the Polish Government that during the Cabinet's recent visit to Moscow the Poles "were given nothing" by the Soviets but were advised to obtain as much assistance as possible from the Western powers. Lane believes that the Polish Government's apparent change of attitude toward the US accordingly should be taken "with reserve."

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5. NORWAY: Delay in Churchill visit--Embassy Oslo reports that Norwegian Labor Party officials are strongly critical of Foreign Minister Lange's recent action in delaying the projected Churchill visit to Norway. The officials regard the delay, which Lange publicly attributed to Churchill's Fulton speech, as "deference to Soviet susceptibilities" and a "sad admission" of Norwegian weakness.
6. IRAN: "Showdown" with Tudeh at Abadan--US Ambassador Allen believes that the firm stand taken by the Khuzistan government against the Tudeh-sponsored general strike at Abadan may be the beginning of a showdown with the Tudeh Party. Allen states that the Tudeh evidently decided to "have a test of strength" over Qavam's retention of Khuzistan Governor Fathemi but believes that the Government, with British support, will win. (According to the NY Times, the strike has been called off as a result of negotiations between the workers and Firuz; no report is available on whether any of the workers' demands were met.)
Kurds control southwest Azerbaijan--US Consulate Tabriz has been informed that negotiations between the Kurds and Azerbaijan government continue to encounter serious difficulties, but that the Kurds are not expected to use force to attain separate provincial status until other means are exhausted. The Kurds now control virtually all the southwestern border area of Azerbaijan.

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